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Introduction to Online Resources

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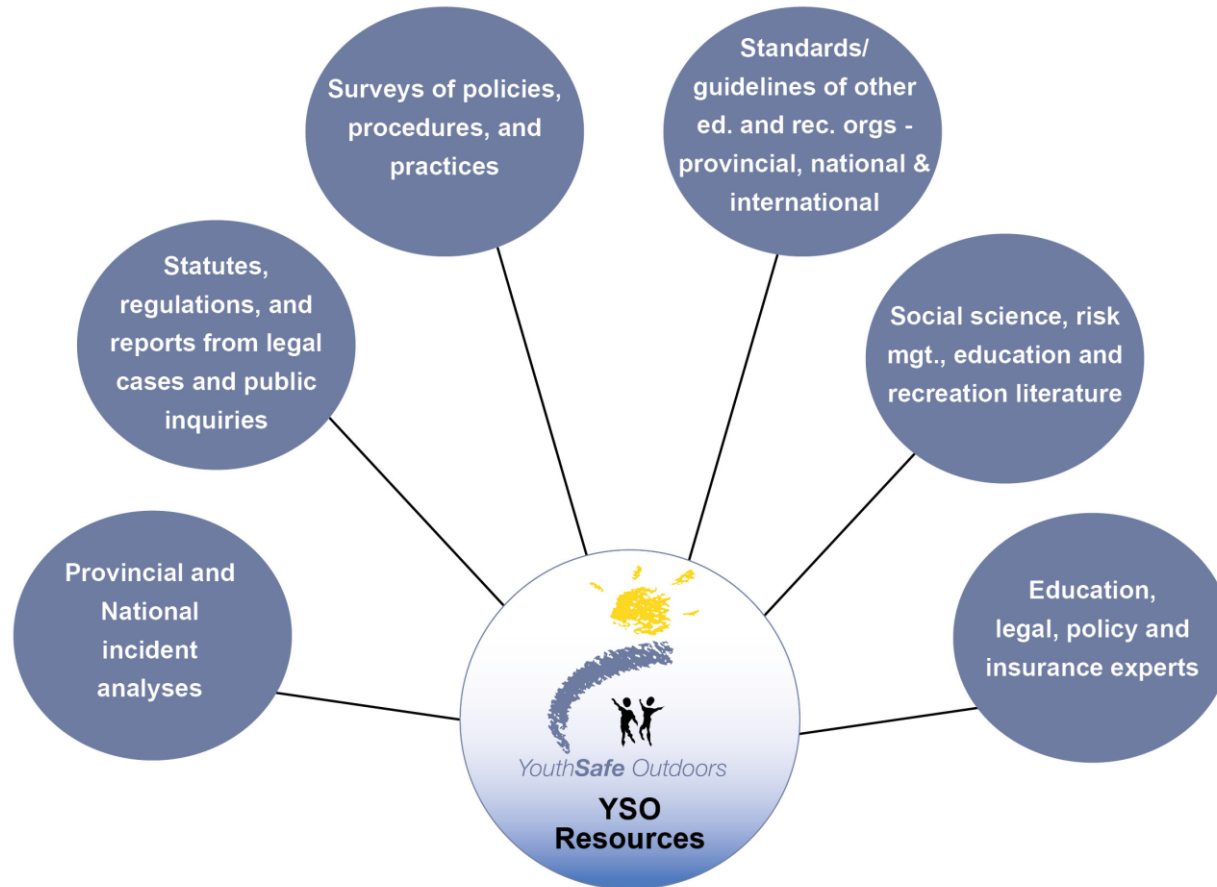
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What is YouthSafe Outdoors (YSO)?



- Comprehensive, integrated risk management and safety education resources for school off-site activities
- Research and consensus-based online platform

YouthSafe Outdoors Sources



43 years of ongoing research & practice

Benefits of Using YSO

- Healthy, active, self-reliant students
- High capacity to provide safe outings/activities
- Support and clarity of expectations
- Confidence standard of care (custom) is being met
- Minimized exposure to legal liability or negative press



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YSO – Risk Management Made Simple

- What are the objectives of the activity?
- What can go wrong?
- What will we do?
 - To minimize the potential for harm
 - To manage any incidents

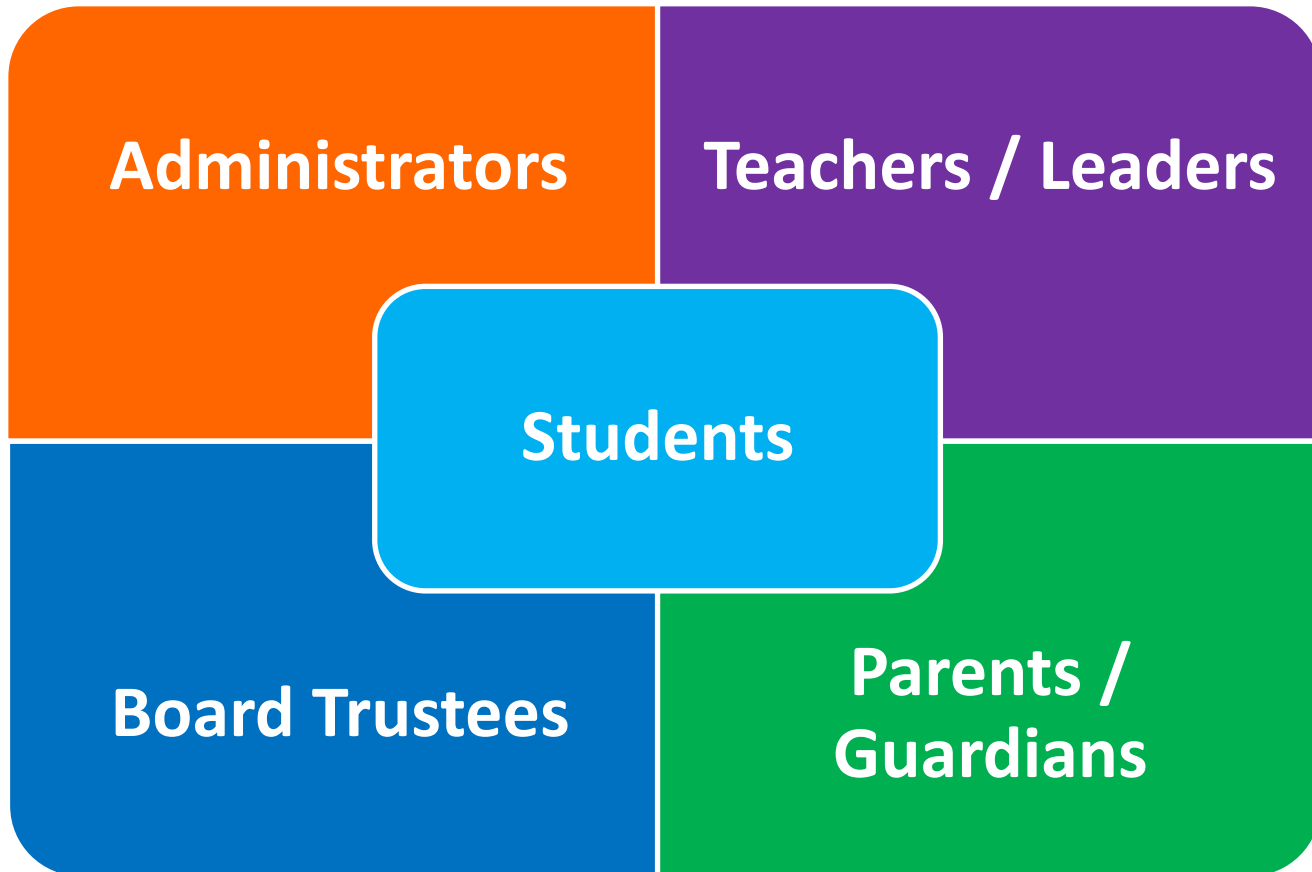


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Resources for all Key Players in a Safe Off-site Activity



Plan Your Outing/Activity

- Select the outing/activity
- Determine the context (low risk, higher care or interschool) if relevant
- Access the relevant guidelines, forms and support resources



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YSO Resources

Safety First! Guidelines for Off-site Activities for BC Schools

Forms File

Risk Management and Legal Liability Primer

Adventure Leadership

Self-reliance in the Outdoors Instruction

Parent/Guardian Resource

Safety First! Guidelines for Off-site Activities for BC Schools

Articulates common off-site risk-management practices used in BC schools.

Applies to all schools, subjects, grades and curricula.

Safety First!

Key Criteria

- **Safe** - avoiding catastrophic loss and managing other risks appropriately
- **Reasonable** - proportional to the risks; balancing benefits with risk exposure
- **Attainable** - with the human, financial and equipment resources available
- **Ethical** - supporting informed decision making and appropriate contracting
- **Sustainable** - supporting access to activities and availability of local leaders



Safety First! Guidelines for Off-site Activities

General Considerations for Off-site Activities

Guidelines for Outings/Activities

General Considerations for Higher Care Activities

Guidelines for Travel Excursions

Special Considerations for Off-site Activities

Risk Management and Legal Liability Primer

Glossary

*Applicable to
Any and All*

*Use if/as
Relevant to
Outing/Activity*



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1. General Considerations for Off-site Activities

- Basic information relevant to almost all school off-site experiences
- Read once and use as reference thereafter



2. Plan Your Outing/ Activity

- **Over 50 outings/activities**
 - Common Field Trips,
 - Outdoor Pursuits/ Adventure Travel
 - Travel Excursions
- **Outdoor Pursuits/Adventure Travel**
 - Land
 - Water
 - Winter
- Low risk, higher care or interschool versions as relevant



3. General Considerations for Higher Care Activities

- Organizational Considerations
- Navigation/Communication
- Equipment/Supplies/Clothing
- Injury/Sickness Prevention
- Group/Trip Management
- Psychological Considerations
- Teacher/Leader Readiness for Adventure Pursuits
- First Aid
- Supervision of Outdoor Pursuits



4. Guidelines for Travel Excursions

- Out-of-Province Travel
- Exchange Visits
- International Travel



5. Special Considerations for Off-site Activities

- Guidelines that could apply to any, but not all off-site experiences, such as:
 - use of alternative modes of transportation to walking or taking a bus
 - overnight supervision
 - medical screening and conditions

6. Risk Management and Legal Liability Primer

- Legal Liability and Risk Management
- Who's Responsible and Who Pays
- Other Sources of Rules and Regulations
- Insurance
- Risk Assessment and Risk Management



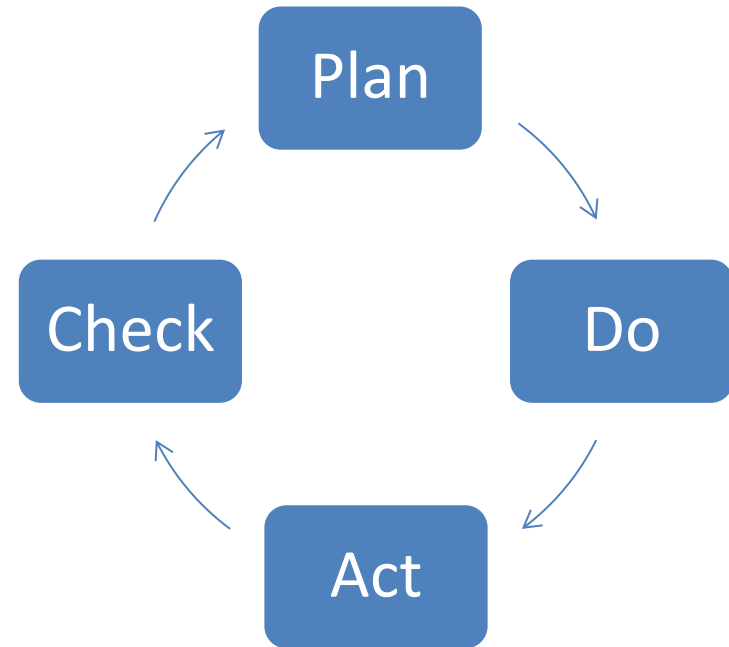
Using the Guidelines

- Review the *Safety First!* General Considerations for Off-site Activities (if haven't)
- Go to *Plan Your Outing/Activity* to find your activity
- Each outing/activity page includes a planning stream, and safety guidelines
- Apply other *Safety First!* guidelines if/as relevant
- Use other YSO support resources if/as desired
- Note: Always adhere to Board policy and procedures.



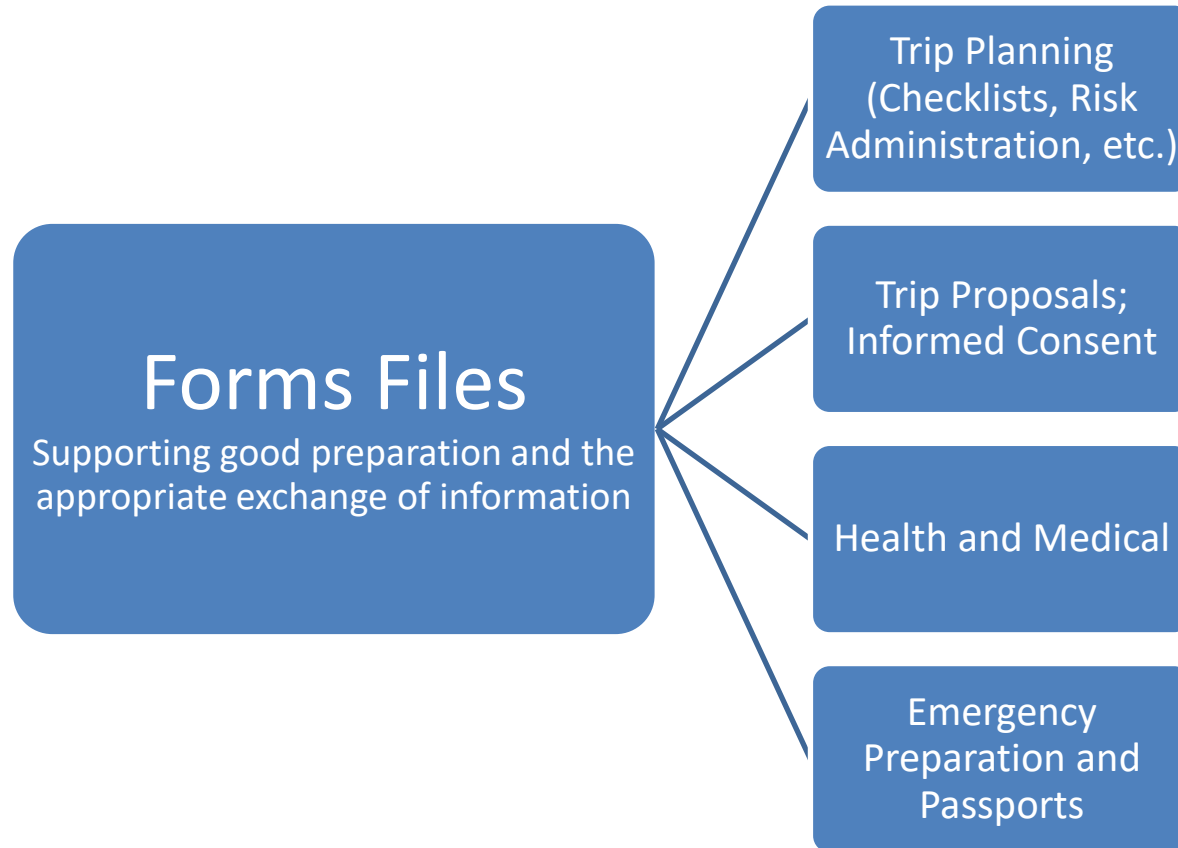
Additional Built-in YSO Resources

- Forms File
- Parent/Guardian Resource
- Adventure Leadership
- Self-reliance in the Outdoors Instruction

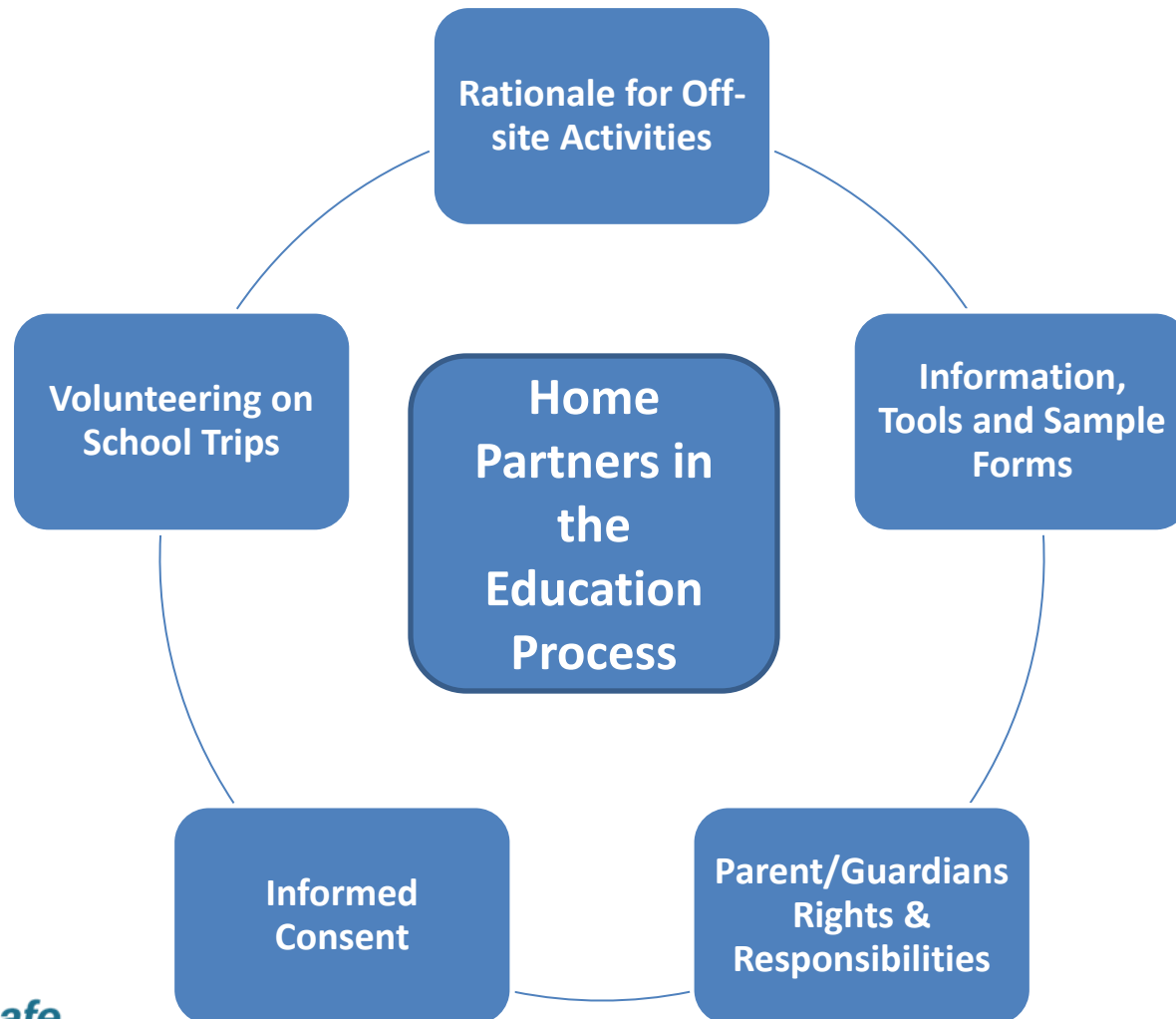


Planning Cycle

Forms File



Parent/Guardian Resource



Adventure Leadership Resource



Self-reliance Instruction Resource





YSO in BC Schools

YSO provides licensed end-users:

- License and Subscription to use YSO
- Online Resources – one stop shop
- Print version of resource available
- Technical Support – re: content or platform
- Training Opportunities – district or regional available





Thank you



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